

REMARKS

Claims 21-24, 28, 31, 32, 34 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bayeh et al., U.S. Patent No. 6633914 B1, 10/14/2003 (Bayeh-914) and further in view of Bayeh et al., U.S. Patent No. 6012098 A, 01/04/2000 (Bayeh-098). In light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and re-examination of all pending claims.

Applicants have amended independent claims 21 and 28 to recite limitations that are not taught or fairly suggested in the sections of Bayeh that they are cited in the office action. In particular, independent claim 21 has been amended to recite that "the first and second client computer systems are configured to transmit first and second data . . . in response to users hitting the first and second tab buttons, respectively." Similarly, independent claim 28 now recites "the first and second computer systems transmitting the first and second data in response to users hitting the first and second tab buttons, respectively." Example support for these newly added limitations can be found in the specification on page 8, lines 24 – 31. Because the newly added limitations are not taught or fairly suggested in the sections of pages cited in the office action, either alone or in combination with the remaining limitations claims 21 and 28, Applicants assert these independent claims are patentably distinguishable. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 21 and 28 and are patentably distinguishable for this reason.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,

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